

awaken the hope of their enemies that they would soon disappear." But we did not disappear. We celebrate today not only freedom, but the triumph of the human spirit and the legacy of a people whose struggle for equality continues even today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great celebration.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 16, 2000, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 285 through 291. Had I been present I would have voted "present" on rollcall vote 285, "yes" on rollcall vote 286, "yes" on rollcall vote 287, "no" on rollcall 288, "yes" on rollcall 289, "yes" on rollcall 290, and "no" on rollcall 291.

COMMENDING PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG ON HIS HISTORIC QUEST FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend President Kim Dae-Jung of the Republic of Korea for his historic efforts toward peace and reconciliation on the Korean peninsula.

By extending the hand of friendship in summit meetings with Chairman Kim Jong Il of the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea, President Kim Dae-Jung has shown himself as a courageous visionary committed to the improvement of relations with the North. The agreement reached by the two leaders on humanitarian and economic cooperation represent a bold step toward resolving a half-century of conflict.

As we prepare to depart on a Presidential Mission to Korea to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, I am filled with hope for the future of all the peoples of that great land.

On behalf of president Clinton and the people of the United States, I join with my former comrades-in-arms, the men of the 503d Field Artillery Battalion who fought in defense of freedom and democracy in Korea in extending our congratulations to President Kim Dae-Jung and our best wishes for success in his great mission of peace.

A TRIBUTE TO JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to pay tribute to Juneteenth Independ-

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ence Day. June 19, 1865 is the date that the news of freedom reached slaves in Texas; two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This holiday is now celebrated throughout our country as a time of joy, remembrance, and reflection.

It is my sincere hope that all Americans recognize this as a day of freedom . . . freedom to learn one's history . . . freedom to shape one's own identity . . . freedom to control one's own life. In Wisconsin's Second Congressional District, Juneteenth will be recognized with a wonderful celebration organized by the Nehemiah Community Development Corporation. This annual celebration includes beautiful cultural exhibits, colorful dancing, delicious food, exciting entertainment, music and much more! I want to commend the organizers of this and other important celebrations taking place in Wisconsin and throughout the United States.

Former U.S. Representative Barbara Jordan captured the aspirations of many who recognize the important symbolism of this day. She said, "What the people want is simple. They want an American as good as its promise." How true her words are. Locally and nationally, the struggle for equality continues, but this holiday offers hope for a better future.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4578) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes:

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in favor of the Sanders amendment to create a home heating oil reserve in the Northeast.

As many of you know, last winter we had a severe oil crisis in the Northeast. Low temperatures combined with record high prices left thousands of Massachusetts residents struggling to pay enormous heating bills.

Middle income families saw their utility bills triple while lower income families had to choose between heating their homes and feeding their children.

Those of us who witnessed these hardships want to do all we can to make sure they never, ever happen again.

The chill of winter may seem a long way off, Mr. Chairman, but heating your home is not a luxury. In fact, for many in the Northeast, it is a matter of life and death.

By creating this oil reserve, we can help cushion oil prices from the shocks of inadequate supply and steep demand and, in doing so, prevent working families from suffering through such a drastic hike in prices.

I thank Representative SANDERS for his leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday June 15 I had the privilege to attend the high school graduation of my daughter in California and so I was unable to cast the following votes during consideration of H.R. 4578, The Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

On Rollcall No. 278 (Rule on VA/HUD Approps) I would have voted: "No".

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On Rollcall No. 279 (Nethercutt amendment to Dicks amendment) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 280 (Hansen amendment to Dicks amendment) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 281 (Dicks amendment Columbia River Basin) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 282 (Stearns amendment to cut NEA funding) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 283 (Slaughter amendment Re Clean Coal Funding) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 284 (Obey motion that the Committee Rise) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 285 (Quorum Call);

On Rollcall No. 286 (Sanders amendment to create a Home Heating Oil Reserve) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 287 (Doggett motion that the Committee Rise) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 288 (Nethercutt amendment Re national monuments) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 289 (Dave Weldon amendment Re Indian Gaming in Florida) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 290 (Motion to recommit with instructions) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 291 (Final Passage Interior Approps—passed 204—172) I would have voted: "no".

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.